



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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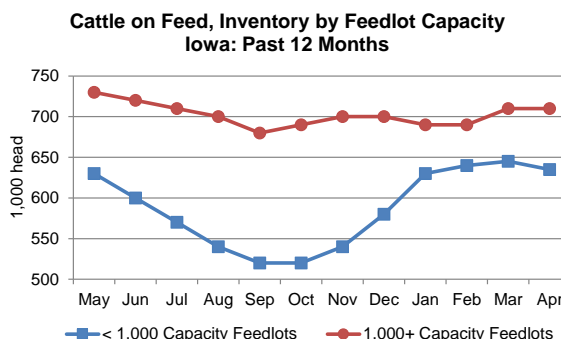
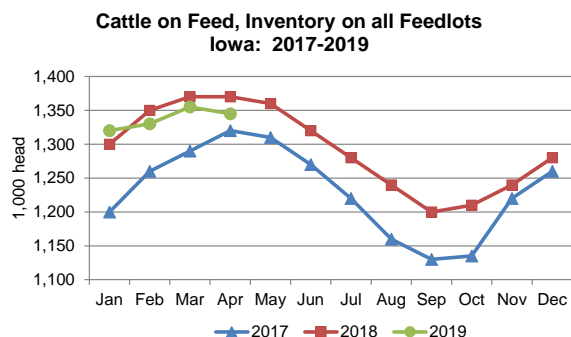
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 710,000 head on April 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from March 1, 2019, but down 4 percent from April 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,345,000 head, down 1 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 104,000 head, down 22 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, up 15 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 159,000 head, down 12 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 100,000 head, down 8 percent from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 62,000 head, up 59 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 162,000 head, up 9 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 7,000 head.

NOTE: This report is a combination of estimates from the USDA *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-funded *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head.



All Cattle on Feed – Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , March 1, 2019.....	710	645	1,355
March placements	104	55	159
March marketings	100	62	162
March other disappearance ²	4	3	7
Cattle on feed, April 1, 2019	710	635	1,345

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2018-2019

State	Cattle on feed ¹ April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			Other disappearance ² during March		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona	294	314	107	34	31	91	24	27	113	1	1	100
California	500	535	107	68	71	104	55	57	104	3	4	133
Colorado	950	1,060	112	165	200	121	160	185	116	5	5	100
Idaho	250	285	114	29	44	152	32	32	100	2	2	100
Iowa	740	710	96	107	104	97	93	100	108	4	4	100
Kansas	2,340	2,380	102	405	470	116	400	375	94	15	15	100
Minnesota	160	150	94	17	17	100	21	16	76	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,690	2,580	96	480	425	89	465	425	91	15	20	133
Oklahoma	310	315	102	53	60	113	57	53	93	1	2	200
South Dakota	260	250	96	27	29	107	36	37	103	1	2	200
Texas	2,700	2,850	106	455	480	105	420	390	93	15	10	67
Washington	210	225	107	29	34	117	28	33	118	1	1	100
Other States	325	310	95	52	49	94	49	47	96	3	2	67
United States ...	11,729	11,964	102	1,921	2,014	105	1,840	1,777	97	67	69	103

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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2018-2019

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2018	January 1, 2019	April 1, 2019	April 1, 2018	January 1, 2019	April 1, 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	284	285	305	10	10	9
California	450	465	465	50	70	70
Colorado	535	570	580	415	440	480
Idaho	170	185	185	80	95	100
Iowa	540	510	480	200	180	230
Kansas	1,240	1,270	1,320	1,100	1,060	1,060
Minnesota	131	130	130	29	25	20
Nebraska	1,760	1,570	1,610	930	990	970
Oklahoma	165	180	170	145	135	145
South Dakota ...	150	135	145	110	110	105
Texas	1,760	1,640	1,730	940	1,090	1,120
Washington	140	140	140	70	85	85
Other States	210	200	190	115	120	120
United States	7,535	7,280	7,450	4,194	4,410	4,514

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on April 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above April 1, 2018. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.45 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.51 million head, up 8 percent from 2018.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.01 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 300,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 595,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 539,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.78 million head, 3 percent below 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during March, 3 percent above 2018.